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Desp. 2806, Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, April 1, 1940

Subject: Exchange of Notes between British and Brazilian Governments fixing boundary between Brazil and Br. Guiana. (732.44 B 15/9)

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Note per SOS 9/20/40:

This desp. had not been routed to RP or Ge, but came to (See 710 Consultations (2) 568)(file)
Ge attached to reply to Frank Knox, Secy. of the Navy, which was drafted in RA: H. Notter. The desp. was stamped in Ge on 9/20/40 and marked "Noted SOS". It reads:

I ... inform the Department that Diario Official of March 29, 1940 published the official text of two notes which were exchanged between the British Government and the Brazilian Government ... on March 15, fixing the boundary between Brazil and British Guiana.

A copy of the Br. note in Eng., and a copy and transl. of the Brazilian reply are enclosed.

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Counselor of Embassy.

Enclosure #1 ... Source: Diario Official, March 29, 1940.

Note of the British Embassy ... Petropolis, 15 March, 1940

2. The Government of the N.K. approve the work of the Commissioners as set forth in their General Report, the original of which with, its appendices numbered I to XI

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and the General Map referred to in Appendix No. VIII, is annexed hereto, and they declare:

(1) That they accept the line laid down by the said Commissioners, in the manner shown in Appendices Nos. V to IX and the annexed General Map, as constituting the boundary line between British Guiana and Brazil in accordance with the above-mentioned Treaty of the 22nd. April 1926, the Protocol of the 18th March, 1930, and the notes exchanged in London the 27th October and November 1st, 1932;

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(2) That they reaffirm the agreement contained in the notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro on the 2nd October and 3rd November, 1933, (the text of which is annexed hereto as Appendix IV to the General Report) regarding a more accurate definition of the boundary in the event of future development of areas adjacent to the boundary.

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See (1) Captain H. Carington Smith, R.E.: "On the Frontier of British Guiana and Brazil", a paper given at the R.G.S., May 9, 1938 (in Geographical Journal, Vol. 92, No-1, July, 1938, pp.40-54). Accomp. the article is is a sketch map of British Guiana, 1:5000,000, "to illustrate the work of the British Guiana and Brazil Boundary Commissions. The article reads:

In 1901 a treaty was concluded between Brazil and Great Britain whereby these countries agreed to survey and demarcate their common boundaries, defined From Mount Roraima ... to the source of the Courantyne ...

However, it was not until 1930 that field work began

In ... and in July 1935 three officers and four non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers arrived in Georgetown ... While a small advance party ... ascended the Courantyne ...

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/The results accomplished in the first season's work were disappointing ... The Dutch and Brazilian sections were met at the source of the Kutari at the end of the year. The source of the Courantyne was decided upon and an astronomical fix obtained. A large concrete pillar was constructed there and suitably engraved. The Dutch then departed to the east along their boundary, while the British began to work westwards

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As I knew this Commission [Brazilian] was nearly approaching its end, ... I sent him [Major Papworth] a cable ... asking him if he could report completion in time for this lecture [May 9, 1938]. I have only this morning received the following reply: "Junction effected today with Brazilian reconnaissance parties. Expect completion May 10th."

- (2) "Demarcation of the Southern Boundary of Surinam" (in Geographical Review, Vol. XXX, No. 3, July, 1940. (Pp. 490-491), by Wm. Van Royen, which reads:

During the years 1935 - 1938 Dutch and Brazilian commissioners demarcated the exact boundary [Surinam - Brazil. See Tijdsch. Kon. Nederl. Aardrijksk. Genootschap. Ser. 2, Vol 56, 1939, pp. 793 - 882). In cooperation with British and French commissions the Dutch commission also determined parts of the southwestern and southeastern boundaries of the province (see ... Geogr. J. Vol. 92, 1938, pp-40-54 /above/ Ge SAS 9/20/40

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